

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display apparatus comprising:

a plurality of vertical signal lines;

a plurality of horizontal signal lines;

a display pixel located where one of the vertical signal lines and one of the horizontal signal lines intersect; and

a shield ~~wire~~ wires on opposite sides of each side of the vertical signal lines and on opposite sides of each side of the horizontal signal lines,

wherein,

a each potential of the shield wires is set at a value at which the display pixel is displayed in black, such that when a defect occurs it is not recognized by a human eye.

2. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display apparatus comprising:

a plurality of vertical signal lines;

a plurality of horizontal signal lines;

a display pixel located where one of the vertical signal lines and one of the horizontal signal lines intersect; and

a shield ~~wire~~ wires on opposite sides of each side of the vertical signal lines and on opposite sides of each side of the horizontal signal lines,

wherein,

a each potential of said shield wires is set at a value at which the display pixel is displayed in black or nearly black, such that when a defect occurs it is

not recognized by a human eye.

3. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein in a normally black mode, the potential of said shield wire is set at a value equal to or nearly equal to a potential of a common electrode.

4. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein in a normally white mode, the potential of said shield wire is set at a maximum value, a minimum value or a value approximate thereto of a voltage to be applied to the display pixel.